(ii) interest rate pf refinance pro-vided by sponsoring banks has been lowered;

(iii) funds for SLR requirements be invested in securities $_0$f better yield;

(iv)the scope of lending should be enlarged; and

(v) the sponsoring banks should play a more active role jn fund management, staff training and. internal audit. "

Representations received fro$_m$ time to time employees' association are considered by the Government for taking such action as,,may be deemed appropriate.

Doordarsuan Film Touch of Glory'

699. SHRI RAOOF VAL1ULLAH: Will the Minister, of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be'please'd to 'state- .

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan propose to telecast a film on the Indian Air Force called 'Touch of Glory' on the national network;

(b) what is the theme and the language of the film, its duration and the time-slot allotted to it

(c) whether Doordarshan also propose to pro'duee and telecast films on the Indian Army and the Navy arid on other topical interests also; and

(d) whether efforts _have been made. to telecast such films as sponsored program mes arid if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) anj *(h)* No such'film has been of fered to Doordarshan for telecasts. The particulars of the film are, therefore, not known.

(c) and. (d) Dooitiarshan is already telecasting programmes on Indian Army and Navy regularly. However, no films on these sub. iects have been offered to Doordarshan by outsideproducers as sponsored programmes. "

Risk Capital Foundation

7W). 'sHRIMATi"PRATIBHA SINGH: Will. the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the 'Risk Capital Foundation', a financial. institution sponsore'd by a Central Financial Insti - - tution sponsored by a Central Financial In-stitution is providing 'Seed Capital' lonas assistance only to. Multi-National, MRTP/ Big Business Housesand Influericial medium Industrial Houses and negative Loan • assistance to the small-scale sector wliere-. as the present Government policy is to encourage the small-scale sector under the new 20 point Programme; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken or propose' to take to- ensure that the- small-scale sector could get the full benefit from the Risk Capital Foundation' as per the Government's policies re> . garding the small-scale sector development?

THE, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JAN-ARDHAN POOIARUP: (a) arid (b) The Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI) haye reported that the Risk Capi tal Foundation, sponsored by them, provi des financial assistance on soft terms to first generation entrepreneurs for meeting a part of their contribution for setting up of medium and large sized industrial pro jects with project cost normally ranging between Rs. 2 crores and Rs. 15'crores. Risk Capital Foundation has not provided arty risk/seed loan/assistance to the pro-., moters of multi-national/MRTP/big busi ness houses. As regards ^assistance to the small-scale sector, the ID'Bf operates a scheme of Seed Capital Assistance for this sector.

Financial assistance by NABARD

701. SHRIMATI PRATiBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to statp:

(a) the details of financial- assistance, the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development are providing' to me entrepreneurs to- generate employment, in the field of industry, business, trading, ' $_t$ agricultural inputs. manufacturirig/market- ing in mral/semi-ur. ban areas and whether